

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A connector has a housing (20) and a retainer (40) for locking terminal fittings in the housing (20). The retainer (40) has a main body (41) with locking sections (45) engageable with the terminal fittings when the retainer (40) is at a full locking position in the housing (20). Side plates (42) are provided at opposite lateral sides of the main body (41) for covering stepped outer side surfaces (29) of the housing (20). A locking claw (53) is provided at an upper end (42a) of each side plate (42) for engaging a holding portion (33) on the stepped surface (29). The retainer (40) can be held at the full locking position by engagement of the locking claws (53) and the holding portions (33). The housing (20) has protecting portions (35) that cover the upper ends (42a) of the side plates (42) from outer sides when the retainer (40) is at the full locking position.